

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, those words appear twice in this amendment. Senator Hoagland and Senator Pirsch talked all around the issue without saying anything showing the necessity for this language. It is an attempt to mirror what is contained in the federal law. I said what Senator Pirsch said about the extensiveness of the drug activity that the federal government is concerned about and most of that is down in the southeastern part of the country. And what they have discovered is that by increasing their enforcement in Florida, they push it into the adjoining state and the state just above and the surrounding areas. They finally realized that they don't have enough person power to deal with it in all those areas so they don't do anything for a while and hope it will settle back into Florida, then they make their jabs and their taps at it. You hear a lot of grandiose statements from these federal drug enforcement officers about what they are going to do to fight drugs. An individual had been kidnapped because he was known as a strong drug enforcer. Somebody working in the Reagan Administration and the Justice Department had talked about how we will not be intimidated, we are going to do this and that and these drug dealers are not going to run us out of business and announced at the same time he was about to resign in a few days. That is the courage of the federal government. So they are not going to crush out the drug traffic. If the money is big enough, they will buy entire police divisions. They have caught these police and other law enforcement agencies shot through with individuals working for the drug kingpins and when they are questioned about it, they mention the meagerness of their salary compared to all of this money they see every day and that it was simply too much to resist. So they work for the drug dealer. That is in another part of the country at points of entry and where the original distribution will begin. I know they are trying to make Nebraska seem like it is big time, but this is the wrong issue to do it on. Senator Hoagland could not find a single case where negotiable instruments or securities were involved and he won't find any in Nebraska. They are going to deal in cash. They are not dealing on a big enough scale in this state to corrupt brokerage houses, to corrupt banks. But they who are pushing this bill want to act as though the situation in